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Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"I find that only 7 out of 24 Depressed Class candidates and 3 out of 8 from the Depressed Class Christians were chosen for admission, i.e., out of 32, only 10 were selected. May I know why?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"In a number of cases the candidates were ineligible for selection. I cannot say with reference to each individual case why the candidate was not admitted but I can say only this much that in many of the cases the candidates were ineligible for selection."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"May I know whether lower grade training has been retained only with a view to helping Depressed Classes and Depressed Class Christian candidates?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"It was retained with a view to help the Depressed Classes; but Christians are not included among the Depressed Classes. That is another reason why some of the candidates were not admitted."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"May I know why out of 24, only 7 were selected?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I have already answered that question."

Selection of Christians and Members of the Depressed Classes for admission into the Government Training Schools at Koilpatti and Tinnevelly in 1932.

* 527 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many candidates from the depressed classes applied for admission into the Government Training Schools at Koilpatti and Tinnevelly for the two grades of training in the year 1932;

(*b*) how many Christians applied for admission into these two schools in the year 1932; and

(*c*) how many candidates from the depressed classes and Christians were admitted into the two schools in the said year?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement[a] is appended.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"May I know why, out of 12 Christian Adi-Dravida candidates, 3 only were chosen for the higher grade?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"For the same reason as in the case of the previous question."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"May I know if the Government are aware that the Depressed Classes have got a grievance against the Government that their case has not been properly considered by the authorities?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not aware of that."

[a] Printed as Appendix XI on page 116 infra.